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c. an adjustable leg inserted through each of said sleeves.

8. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, such plate and such circumferential wall being substantially rectangular, wherein such hollow sleeves are coupled to such circumferential wall at approximately the middle of each side of such wall.

9. (New) A method for applying setting material, comprising the steps of:

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- a. providing a substantially horizontal plate for holding such setting material, such plate having a plurality of apertures therein to enable a predetermined amount of such setting material to pass therethrough
 - b. mounting such plate on a surface such that the plate is disposed at a predetermined height above such surface;
 - c. placing setting material on the plate;
 - d. spreading such setting material over such plate and allowing a predetermined amount of setting material to fall through the apertures onto said surface, while maintaining remaining setting material on such plate;
 - e. removing such plate; and
 - f. permitting such setting material to dry.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 6 are pending in the application and have been rejected. Claim 7 was subject to a restriction requirement and has been withdrawn from consideration. Claim 1, the broadest apparatus claim, has been rewritten to claim the subject matter that the inventors claim as their own more clearly. Claims 8 and 9 have been added. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of